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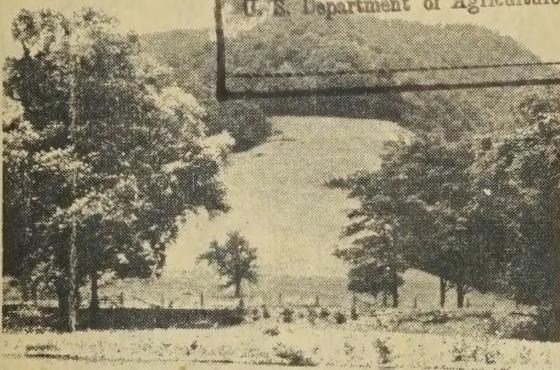
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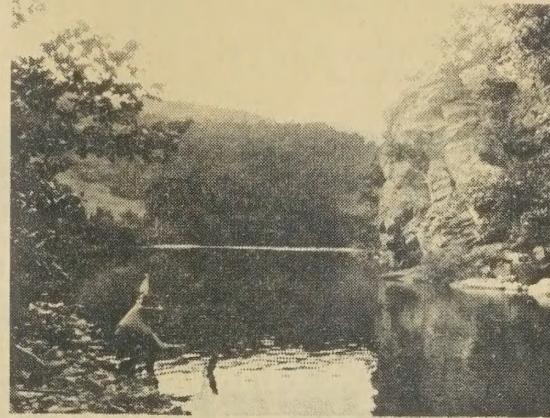


*A Scenic Entrance to Rugged Hills
Castle Rock-in the Lower Smokeholes*

*This folder contains a map of the
Northern Portion of the National Forest
and adjacent areas, with information
for tourists and visitors.*



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A great day for bass. A great bass for the day.

MONONGAHELA NATIONAL FOREST WATERSHED PROTECTION-OUTDOOR RECREATION SUSTAINED YIELD OF TIMBER RESOURCES FOR LOCAL INDUSTRY AND NATIONAL NEEDS

DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL SCENIC AND RECREATIONAL RESOURCES IN WEST VIRGINIA HAS RESULTED IN DISCOVERY OF A MAGNIFICENT NEW AMERICAN PLAY-GROUND. THE VAST MONONGAHELA NATIONAL FOREST STRETCHING NEARLY 125 MILES FROM ROUTE 50 ON THE NORTH TO ROUTE 60 ON THE SOUTH INCLUDES A WILDERNESS OF HIGH FOREST-CLAD MOUNTAINS AND FAULT CLEAR STREAMS HERETOFORE SO INACCESSIBLE AND SECLUDED AS TO BE PRACTICALLY UNKNOWN TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

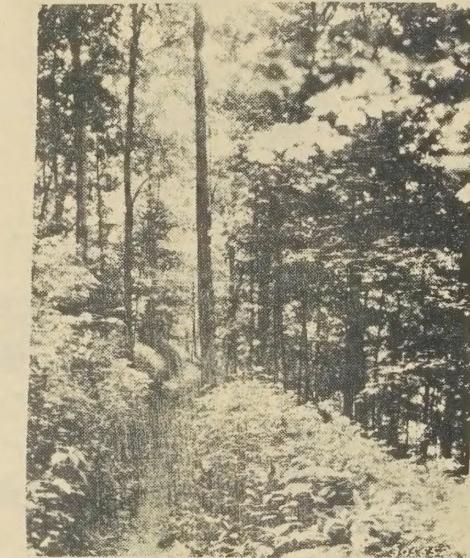
PROTECTION OF THE HIGHEST WATERSHEDS OF THOSE MIGHTY RIVERS THE OHIO, POTOMAC, AND KANAWHA, WHICH RISE IN THE MONONGAHELA NATIONAL FOREST, IS OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE IN FLOOD CONTROL WORK. REFORESTATION OF AREAS DENUDED BY CARELESS LOGGING AND REPEATED BURNING REPRESENTS A MAJOR ACTIVITY. STEEP APPALACHIAN SLOPES, IN THEIR DEVASTATED CONDITION A MENACE TO SOCIAL SECURITY, ARE RAPIDLY BEING RECLAIMED AND MADE PRODUCTIVE BY PLANTED FORESTS. ONE OF THE LARGEST FOREST NURSERIES EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IS THE U. S. FOREST SERVICE NURSERY AT PARSONS, W. VA.

LOCATED WITHIN ONE DAY'S DRIVING DISTANCE OF HALF THE POPULATION IN THE UNITED STATES, THE MONONGAHELA NATIONAL FOREST REPRESENTS ONE OF THE GREATEST POTENTIAL TOURIST CENTERS IN THE COUNTRY. PERPETUALLY COOL BREEZES SOFTLY PERVERSE ITS TUMBLING MOUNTAINS WITH A SPIRIT OF FRIENDLY HOSPITALITY. QUIETLY INVITING RATHER THAN CHALLENGING, THESE SPRUCE AND HARDWOOD COVERED RIDGES ARE DEEPLY MARKED WITH THE TRAILS OF EARLY PIONEERS AND THE IMMORTAL BLOOD OF CIVIL STRIFE, TRACING WITH STATELY PRECISION THE COURSE OF AMERICAN PROGRESSION.

EARLY COLONIZATION WAS FOLLOWED BY EARLY EXPLOITATION OF THE FAMOUS "BLACK FORESTS". FORTUNE SEEKERS CAME AND WENT WASTING THE TREES AND THE SOIL BENEATH THE TREES. INDUSTRIES FLOURISHED AND VANISHED STRIPPING THE LAND UNTIL IN 1911 WITH THE PASSAGE OF THE WEEK'S LAW, THE NATIONAL FOREST WAS ESTABLISHED BRINGING A NEW ERA OF ECONOMY AND ORDER.

TODAY THE MOUNTAINS OF THE MONONGAHELA NATIONAL FOREST ARE ACCESSIBLE BY RAIL, AIR AND GOOD MOTOR HIGHWAYS. YET FOR ALL THESE MODERN DEVELOPMENTS, VAST UNTOUCHED AREAS REMAIN TO BE EXPLORER BY SPORTSMEN, HIKERS, CAMPERS AND TOURISTS WHO MAY Revel AS DID THEIR BOREBEARS IN THE PRIMITIVE BEAUTY AND REFRESHING WONDER OF NATURE.

SCENIC VISTAS AND FACILITIES FOR RECREATION ARE NOT COMMERCIALIZED IN NATIONAL FORESTS. UNDER FOREST SERVICE CONTROL AN ATTEMPT IS MADE TO EXTRACT FROM THESE PUBLICLY OWNED FOREST AREAS: "THE GREATEST GOOD FOR THE LARGEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE."



Within a leafy Sanctuary

MONONGAHELA NATIONAL FOREST IS FREE TO ALL. NO COMMERCIALIZATION OF THE SCENIC FEATURES UNDER FOREST SERVICE CONTROL IS PERMITTED. NO EXCLUSIVE PERMITS FOR THE OCCUPANCY OF CHOICE SUMMER CAMP SITES ARE ISSUED.

NO CLUTTER OF CHEAP CONCESSIONS IS ALLOWED TO MAR THE BEAUTY OF THE FOREST DRIVES. NO ENTRANCE FEE IS EXACTED FROM THE VISITOR. NO WAITING LIST IS MAINTAINED. FACILITIES ARE MADE AVAILABLE ON A "FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED" BASIS. THERE IS GENERALLY ROOM FOR ALL.

THE FOREST YIELDS HEALTH - WEALTH - SECURITY.

AMPLE WOOD SUPPLY FOR LOCAL NEEDS.

OUTDOOR RECREATION NORTHERN PORTION MONONGAHELA FOREST

IN REPLY TO INCREASING DEMANDS OF THE PUBLIC FOR IMPROVED FACILITIES FOSTERING PICNICKING AND CAMPING IN NATIONAL FORESTS, THE FOREST SERVICE HAS PROVIDED FREE USE FOREST CAMPS. LOCATIONS OF FOREST CAMPS ON THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE MONONGAHELA NATIONAL FOREST ARE PLAINLY MARKED ON THE MAP. A SHIELD-SHAPED FOREST SERVICE SIGN ALONG THE HIGHWAY IS THE HALL MARK OF ENJOYABLE RELAXATION.

ALTHOUGH TENT AND TRAILER CAMPING IS FREE ANYWHERE ON THE FOREST, NONE OF THE CAMPS ON THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE FOREST HAVE AS YET BEEN IMPROVED FOR TENT OR TRAILER CAMPING. PLANS FOR EXPANSION OF THE CAMPS INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR SUCH USE. BLUE BEND FOREST CAMP ON ANTHONY



Forest Recreation and Relaxation - Scene at Red Run Camp Site.

CREEK NEAR WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, SHOWN ON THE MAP OF THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE FOREST, IS ALREADY EQUIPPED FOR TENT AND TRAILER CAMPING.

NO CABINS ARE BUILT ON THE MONONGAHELA NATIONAL FOREST FOR RENT OR LEASE TO TOURISTS. IN ORDER TO PRESERVE PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE CAMPING AREAS FOR USE OF THE WHOLE PUBLIC SPECIAL USE PERMITS FOR SUMMER HOME SITES ARE NOT GRANTED ANYWHERE ON THE FOREST.

WHILE CAMPERS MUST BRING THEIR OWN TENTS AND DUFFLE, SUCH FACILITIES AS TABLES AND BENCHES, SAFE DRINKING WATER, FIREPLACES, MODERN LATRINES, GARBAGE RECEPTACLES AND FIREWOOD ARE PROVIDED FOR PICNICKERS AT THE RECREATIONAL AREAS IN THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE FOREST. INDIVIDUAL PARKING SPOTS AND SECLUDED TENT AND TRAILER SITES ARE PROVIDED FOR CAMPERS AT BLUE BEND FOREST CAMP IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS. CAMPFIRE PERMITS ARE NOT NECESSARY AT THE IMPROVED FOREST CAMP AREAS BUT MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE FOREST SUPERVISOR OR THE NEAREST FOREST RANGER BEFORE ESTABLISHING A CAMP AT ANY OTHER PLACE ON THE FOREST. FIRE PERMITS ARE FREE OF CHARGE AND QUICKLY OBTAINED. STANDARD SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT CAN BE PURCHASED AT POPULAR PRICES IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE FOREST.



Wildlife abounds in the Forest vastness.

RECREATION AREAS

IMPROVED RECREATION AREAS MAY BE FOUND IN THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE MONONGAHELA NATIONAL FOREST AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

STUART FOREST CAMP - ON SHAVER'S FORK OF CHEAT RIVER, NEAR ELMINS, ACCESSIBLE BY WAY OF STATE ROUTE 5. THIS CAMP INCLUDES A GOOD SWIMMING HOLE AND BEACH, BATHROOMS, PICNIC FACILITIES AND SHELTER, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND WIDE GRASSY MEADOW FOR SPORTS. IT IS A PART OF THE STUART MEMORIAL DRIVE - ONE OF THE LARGEST RECREATIONAL PROJECTS IN THE EAST. TENT AND TRAILER CAMPING FACILITIES ARE NOT PROVIDED.

BICKLE KNOB FOREST CAMP - AT AN ALTITUDE OF 4000 FEET LOOKING DOWN ON STUART FOREST CAMP, SHAVER'S FORK AND TYGART VALLEY. ACCESSIBLE BY WAY OF STATE ROUTE 5 FROM ELMINS AND STUART MEMORIAL DRIVE. MOST POPULAR SCENIC POINT ON THE FOREST. TENT AND TRAILER CAMPING FACILITIES NOT PROVIDED. AN ALPINE PICNIC SPOT AFFORDING INVIGORATING VISTAS AND COOL BREEZES.

ALPENA GAP FOREST CAMP - WHERE STATE ROUTE 5 CROSSES SHAVER'S MOUNTAIN AT THE END OF STUART MEMORIAL DRIVE. A PERPETUAL SPRING OF FAMOUS COLD WATER. A WAYSIDE PICNIC PLACE. TENT AND TRAILER CAMPING FACILITIES ARE NOT PROVIDED.

HORSESHOE FOREST CAMP - BELOW BACKBONE MOUNTAIN ON HORSESHOE RUN ACCESSIBLE BY WAY OF U. S. 219 AND HORSESHOE FOREST ROAD. IMPROVED SWIMMING HOLE AND PICNICKING. A SEQUESTRATED RESTFUL SPOT.

STUART MEMORIAL DRIVE - THIS DEVELOPMENT IS IN PROSPECT AND CANNOT BE TRAVELED AT THE PRESENT TIME. WORK HAS BEGUN, AND WHEN COMPLETED TOURISTS WILL FIND A SURFACED FOREST AUTO TRAIL SERVING AS A SHOW WINDOW OF FOREST ACTIVITIES AND SCENIC VISTAS. THIS DRIVE WILL BE ACCESSIBLE BY WAY OF STATE ROUTE 5 FROM ELMINS, WILL BEGIN ON SHAVER'S FORK OF CHEAT RIVER, CLIMB THE HIGH RIDGE TO BICKLE KNOB LOOKOUT, WIND AROUND THE HEAD OF CONDON RUN THROUGH BEAR HAVEN AND RETURN TO STATE HIGHWAY AT ALPENA GAP FOREST CAMP ON SHAVER'S MOUNTAIN. MOTORISTS ARE CAUTIONED AGAINST ATTEMPTING TO TRAVEL THIS ROAD AT THIS TIME.

EVERYBODY IS INVITED
TO THE

MONONGAHELA NATIONAL FOREST
BUT WARNED TO BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE

FRIENDS OF THE FOREST KNOW THAT FLAMES, ONCE STARTED, RUN EVEN MORE SWIFTLY THAN THE DEER

WHEN HIKING THROUGH THE FOREST, RIGHT MINDED PEOPLE STOP TO SMOKE NEAR WATER. MATCHES ARE NEVER DISCARDED UNTIL COOL ENOUGH TO BE BROKEN BETWEEN THE FINGERS. TOBACCO BUTTS ARE CAREFULLY DEPOSITED IN WATER OR GROUND INTO MOIST EARTH WITH HAND AND HEEL UNTIL SHREDDED, BURIED AND ABSOLUTELY OUT. IN MOTORING ALONG FOREST ROADS OR BROAD HIGHWAYS BORDERING THE FOREST THEY USE ASH TRAYS INSIDE THE CAR.

WHEN CAMPING IN THE FOREST THEY DRAW THEIR CAMPFIRE CIRCLE NEAR WATER AND MAKE IT AT LEAST FIVE FEET IN DIAMETER. ALL INFAMMABLE MATERIAL IS SCRAPED OUT OF THE CIRCLE DOWN TO MINERAL SOIL. THE CAMPFIRE IS BUILT IN A SMALL HOLE DUG IN THE CENTER OF THE CIRCLE. THEY KNOW A BIG FIRE IS USELESS AND THAT ANY FIRE IS DANGEROUS WHEN BUILT AGAINST A TREE OR LOG, NEAR BRUSH OR IN THE LEAF LITTER CARPETING THE FOREST FLOOR. ONLY DEAD WINDTHROWN TREES ARE USED FOR FUEL. WHENEVER POSSIBLE THEY PREFER TO USE THE IMPROVED FOREST CAMPS WHERE FIREPLACES AND FIREWOOD IS PROVIDED.

A CAMPFIRE IS NEVER LEFT, EVEN TEMPORARILY, UNLESS IT HAS BEEN DRENCHED WITH WATER AND STIRRED UNTIL THE LAST SPARK IS OUT. WHERE "DRY CAMPS" ARE NECESSARY THE CAMPFIRE IS PUT OUT BY MIXING AND STIRRING EARTH WITH THE COALS AND TREADING IT DOWN UNTIL PACKED TIGHT OVER AND AROUND THE FIRE.

AS A MARK OF APPRECIATION AND COURTESY THEY BURN OR BURY ALL GARBAGE AND REFUSE BEFORE BREAKING CAMP. FOR THE SAKE OF BETTER SANITATION AND PUBLIC CONVENIENCE GARBAGE RECEPTACLES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED AT ALL IMPROVED RECREATIONAL AREAS.



"Nature's Mirror" - On Monongahela National Forest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MONONGAHELA NATIONAL FOREST WRITE TO THE FOREST SUPERVISOR AT ELMINS, WEST VIRGINIA OR APPLY TO THE FOREST RANGERS AT RICHWOOD, DURBIN, MARLINTON AND PARSONS, WEST VIRGINIA.

UP-STREAM CONTROL OF FLOOD SOURCES.

ENJOY THE FORESTS - LEAVE A CLEAN CAMP.

BE SURE YOUR FIRE IS OUT - DEAD OUT.

